

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 18, 2008. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 6, 13-18, 20, and 21 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 2-5, 7-12, and 19 are cancelled without prejudice by Applicant. Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-12 are rejected and claims 18, 20, and 21 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Furthermore, claim 6 and 13-17 are objected to but are indicated to be allowable if claims 6, 13, and 15 are placed into independent form including all of the elements and limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 6, 13, and 15 have been so amended. Applicant submits that claims 6, 13-18, 20, and 21 are in condition for allowance and requests allowance thereof.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dordi et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2001/0052465) in view of *Mayer et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,527,920) and *Johnson et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0179544). Applicant has canceled claims 1, 3, 4, and 8-9 without prejudice.

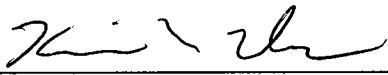
Claims 5, 7 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dordi et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2001/0052465) in view of *Mayer et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,527,920) and *Johnson et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0179544) as applied to claims 1, 4 and 9 above, and further in view of *Mayer et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 0074238 with referenced to Application No. 09/872,340 incorporated by referenced in its entirety into the *Mayer et al.* '238 publication). Applicant has canceled claims 5, 7, and 10-12.

Pages 6 and 7 of the present action states that claims 18, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dordi et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2001/0052465) in view of *Mayer et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,527,920) and *Johnson et al.*

(U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0179544) and *Mayer et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0074238 with reference to Application No. 09/872,340 incorporated by reference in its entirety into the *Mayer et al.* '238 publication). However, Applicant believes that this is a mistake since the Examiner stated that claims 18, 20, and 21 are allowable. Furthermore, the Examiner does not address many of the elements and limitations of the respective claims. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 and claims 20 and 21 dependent thereon are allowable over the cited prior art. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the rejection because the Examiner stated that the claims are allowable.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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